

In any event, one week later, on May 25, records show that Jennifer O'Connor placed a telephone call to John Duffy, the highest-ranking DOI official directly involved in evaluating the Hudson casino application, and that she left a message for Duffy to call her back. Neither Duffy nor Jennifer O'Connor, however, recall speaking to one another about Hudson at this point in time.³²⁸ Several days later, on May 30, Duffy wrote Patrick O'Connor's name on Duffy's phone message log. Next to the message, Duffy wrote "take his call," which Duffy says reflected the fact that Collier had told Duffy that Patrick O'Connor was someone whose calls he should take. Yet, Duffy has no recollection of speaking with Patrick O'Connor, who likewise does not recall talking with Duffy. At some point between May 25 and May 31, Duffy apparently returned Jennifer O'Connor's call, because on May 31, Jennifer O'Connor left another message for Duffy returning his call. Duffy, in turn, returned that call, as is reflected in his phone log. Notwithstanding this flurry of telephone messages, neither Duffy nor Jennifer O'Connor recall any conversation in this time period about the Hudson casino proposal.

2) Heather Sibbison's June 6, 1995, Conversation with the White House

On June 1, 1995, Patrick O'Connor sent Ickes a facsimile of a newspaper article reporting that an Indian tribe in Wisconsin had approved the purchase of a defunct dog track in Kaukauna, Wis. He noted on his facsimile cover sheet that the article confirmed the opponents' argument that approving the Hudson casino application would establish a bad precedent concerning off-reservation Indian gaming. On the cover sheet, Ickes's administrative assistant made a notation to Jennifer O'Connor asking whether she wanted to meet with Patrick O'Connor. Jennifer

³²⁸It appears from Duffy's phone log that he was tasked by Collier to return the call. He is sure someone did return it, but has no recollection of who did, or what was said.